

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Arkansas Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Commission on Civil Rights

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Arkansas Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

255

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

01/05/2017

6. Expected Renewal Date

01/05/2019

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

42 U.S.C. 1975

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Pending

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 1975

13. Effective Date

09/09/1957

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 11 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 11 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
To discuss approval of a draft project proposal to study civil rights and mass incarceration in Arkansas	01/10/2018	01/10/2018
To discuss approval of a draft project proposal to study civil rights and mass incarceration in Arkansas.	02/07/2018	02/07/2018
Continue discussion approval of the draft proposal.	03/09/2018	03/09/2018
To prepare next steps for a hearing on civil rights and mass incarceration in the state.	04/20/2018	04/20/2018
To continue preparations for a hearing regarding civil rights and mass incarceration in the state.	06/28/2018	06/28/2018
Discuss next steps and prepare for a hearing on their study of mass incarceration and the Judicial system in Arkansas.	07/18/2018	07/18/2018
To discuss planning and panelist invitations for the Committee hearing on civil rights and mass incarceration in the state.	08/07/2018	08/07/2018
To continue planning for the Committee's upcoming hearing on mass incarceration in the state.	08/07/2018	08/07/2018
To review the final agenda and logistics for the Committee hearing on mass incarceration to take place in Little Rock, AR, September 7, 2018	08/29/2018	08/29/2018
To finalize preparations for the upcoming Committee hearing on mass incarceration in the state.	08/29/2018	08/29/2018
To hear testimony regarding civil rights and mass incarceration in the state.	09/07/2018	09/07/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 11

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00

18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$7,500.00	\$12,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$609.00	\$1,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$2,400.43	\$2,000.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$10,199.00	\$5,000.00
18d. Total	\$20,708.43	\$20,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.10	0.20

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The committee accomplishes its purpose through information-gathering activities to include fact-finding activity, public hearings, and the solicitation of a broad cross section of viewpoints about civil rights issues in its state and then reports on its findings and recommendations to the Commission.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Consideration is given to a cross-section of those directly affected, interested, and qualified as appropriate to the nature and functions of the committee. No person is denied an opportunity to serve because of race, age, sex, religion, national origin, or disability. Members include individuals with a demonstrated interest in the civil rights issues of color, race, religion, gender, age, disability, national origin, and voting rights. Membership is fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed, and both major political parties are represented.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Depending upon resources, state advisory committees are encouraged to meet at least two times each year and more often, if possible.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Congress has directed the Commission to establish at least one committee in each state and the District of Columbia. The committees compose a unique network of diverse citizens who enable the Commission to carry out its advisory purpose.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

No meetings were closed or partially closed.

21. Remarks

Costs attributed to this Committee are the Commission's share of allocated costs for all Committee activity.

Designated Federal Officer

David Barreras Civil Rights Analyst, USCCR

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Benedicto, Ericka	11/18/2016	11/17/2020	Diversity Program Manager	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bowman, Warigia	11/18/2016	11/17/2020	Assistant Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cantrell, Michael	11/18/2016	11/17/2020	Assistant Attorney General	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cline, Jimmy	11/18/2016	11/17/2020	Compliance Enforcement Attorney	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gonzales Worthen, Diana	11/18/2016	11/17/2020	Director	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hunt, Valerie	11/18/2016	11/17/2020	Associate Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Johnson, Carol	11/18/2016	11/17/2020	Executive Director	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Medina, Xavier	11/18/2016	02/12/2018	Assistant Professor of Political Science	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mostyn, Joshua	11/18/2016	11/17/2020	Lawyer	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Nance, Cynthia	11/18/2016	11/17/2020	Attorney	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rudofsky, Lee	11/18/2016	11/17/2020	Solicitor General of Arkansas	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Vandiver, Brian	11/18/2016	11/28/2017	Attorney	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 12

Narrative Description

The committee supports the agency's mission and strategic plan by advising the agency about civil rights matters within the state that are within the agency's jurisdiction to review.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>

Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements



Other



Outcome Comments

The committee promotes public awareness of current civil rights issues, including protections and enforcement of federal, state, and local civil rights laws.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None



Unable to Determine



Under \$100,000



\$100,000 - \$500,000



\$500,001 - \$1,000,000



\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000



\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000



Over \$10,000,000



Cost Savings Other



Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

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Number of Recommendations Comments

The Committee's advisory function to the agency is satisfied when it engages in activities related to state-based civil rights matters and issues a report to the agency for review and publication.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The Committee's advisory function to the agency is fully implemented when it reports its findings and recommendations to the Commission in writing or orally, and the Commission forwards those recommendations to the specific entities identified in the

recommendation. The Commission, as solely a study agency, has no authority to implement most of the recommendations made by its Advisory Committees.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The Committee's advisory function to the agency is partly implemented when it reports its findings and recommendations to the Commission in writing or orally. The Commission, as solely a study agency, has no authority to implement most of the recommendations made by its Advisory Committees.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Commissioners provide direct feedback to the Committee when the committee reports are presented at Commission meetings. Commissioners are provided the opportunity to question the Committee Chair on the recommendations and provide direct feedback.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

As part of the agency's strategic plan, the agency is to seek and consider committee input when the agency is establishing its civil rights program priorities during its program planning process. The agency is also to solicit research assistance from the committee in the course of generating the agency's annual statutory enforcement report. In addition, the agency solicits and receives committee advice on ways to increase the effective

utilization of committees into the execution of the agency's mission and civil rights matters within the agency's jurisdiction.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

NA